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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Divisional Application of : **Box PATENT APPLICATION**
Chris BERTELO et al. : Examiner: I. Zemel
Serial No.: Unknown : (Anticipated)
Filed: June 2, 1998 : Group Art Unit: 1505
(Anticipated)
For: **IMPACT ADDITIVE OF THE CORN/SHELL TYPE FOR
THERMOPLASTIC POLYMERS**

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 35, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Amend claims 1 through 40 as follows:

1. (Amended) A polyvinyl chloride composition containing an impact [Impact] additive of the core/shell type composed of a core based on alkyl acrylate or on a polyorganosiloxane rubber and a shell based on poly(alkyl methacrylate), or on a styrene-acrylonitrile copolymer, characterized in that the said impact additive comprises from:

a) 70 % to 90 % by weight of a crosslinked elastomeric core which is composed;

1) of 20 % to less than 100 % by weight[, and preferably of 20 % to 90 %,] of a nucleus composed of a copolymer (I) of n-alkyl acrylate, the alkyl group of which has a carbon number ranging from 5 to 12, [or of a mixture of alkyl acrylates, the linear or branched alkyl group of which has a carbon number ranging from 2 to 12, or of a polyorganosiloxane rubber,] of a polyfunctional crosslinking agent possessing unsaturated groups in its molecule,